

Additional Ecology response for H/23/95923 6 SYDNEY AVENUE, HAMBLE-LE-RICE,
SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 4JP

Single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory and alterations to existing
two storey rear extension to change hipped roof to flat roof

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I have reviewed the site visit photos and I don't see any potential bat roost features on this
side of the house. The rear dormer of the attached property has hanging tiles which could
possibly attract roosting bats, but I don't see any potential openings or slipped tiles there
either.

Please could you add the following informative to the decision notice:

In the unlikely event of any bats being found during demolition or construction, all work
must stop immediately, and Natural England must be called. Additional information is
available on the Bat Conservation Trust website at [https://www.bats.org.uk/advice/im-
working-on-a-building-with-bats/ive-found-a-bat-during-works](https://www.bats.org.uk/advice/im-working-on-a-building-with-bats/ive-found-a-bat-during-works).

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There are records of bats very near this property and the proposal involves extensive works
to the roof. There are also records of nesting swifts in the area.

I need to review photos of the rear elevation to determine whether a preliminary bat roost
appraisal is required.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. A bat brick and a swift brick may be appropriate
for this building.

The Bat Conservation Trust recommends installing a bat brick/box at least 4 m above the
ground, away from artificial light sources, sheltered from strong winds and exposed to the
sun for part of the day, facing south, south-east or south-west. ([https://www.bats.org.uk >
our-work > putting-up-your-box](https://www.bats.org.uk/our-work/putting-up-your-box))

Swift nest boxes are best positioned under the eaves or on walls facing north, northeast or
north-west out of direct sunlight, five metres above the ground, with clear adjacent airspace

so swifts can access them in a high-speed direct flight.

(<https://www.swiftconservation.org/Nestboxes%26Attraction.htm>)

Additional information is available at:

<https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/discover/in-your-garden/article/31>, planting for bats

<https://www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-03/WAG16%20Bats%20updated%202022%20WEB.pdf> - Stars of the Night guide to attract bats into your garden

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/conservation-biodiversity/wildlife/plants-for-pollinators>

<https://www.bats.org.uk/our-work/buildings-planning-and-development/bat-boxes>

<https://www.hampshireswifts.co.uk/nesting>

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/how-you-can-help-birds/nestboxes/nestboxes-for-small-birds/>

<https://www.swift-conservation.org/OurLeaflets.htm>

<https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/help-hedgehogs/hedgehog-homes/>

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